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PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2002, Paper No. 13, one month extended until February 24, 2003 (February 23, 2003 being a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 12-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims were amended as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) An optical component producing method for forming a multi-layer film, on a base, comprising:
- depositing a lower refractive index layer on said base and a higher refractive index layer on said lower refractive index layer;